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a great mind & delicate sense
that George White is recommended
in England. Dear - Abby - I shd.
have thought of your name in the
book of branches b'f. that. Did
they work & intensify the effect
of the last syllable? ^{they} Who named
him - But it is a very good name
as an ell wh. are well & nobly
borne - Upper N.Y. is so far
away. & poverty & a tendency to
consumption together have many
a time welled thro a long life -
there is never so good a preser-
ce & motive on heart or mind for
being well. Give my love to Aunt -
What do you hear from yr Mother?
Abby I am very strongly impressed
with the idea of the excellent good
fatherliness of yr father - he is
an ideal man in that respect -
How helpful he is in all sorts of
ways - how thoughtful & kind - it
wt. be motherliness if it were not
fatherliness - but you know -
Have you seen Miss Gail Ham-
m's new Atmosphere? I do not under-
stand wholely denunciations of the

complementary sex - but there
is such a rampant collecting
good nature under it - all I a
strong will to let the world see
how things look when the tables
are turned that a man must be
wickedly thin - skinned & take
it in order - but she drew out
the other sex most uncomfortably
poor fellows! but she is bringing
good - & you have a large part
of it - there is no doubt - I am
glad somebody has risen at last
to copy us on the subject of men's
sphere - we have been treated to
salvation with the other side,
sorry I think if things go on much
longer in the way they have lately
been doing - it will be hard to find Jeff.
Davis - "The star of peace will burn"
bef. ^{shall} our ~~heavenly~~ from the night -
& the red pipe bet of the south the
nightmare of so many years will lie
on our hearts no longer - then let
those who have suffered say whether
this passing was worth the cost - for
me - there is nothing but pleasure - if
they say the same - let us build them

deathless monument of gratitude on
our hearts - I mean to the lovers at
home as well -

You find it cold. The
weather here is steadily cold & good,
not sharp - baby-freezing but
vibrating. Am reading Bancroft.
Saw Edmonie yesterday - she has
been quite ill - says she thought
she shd. die - & absent from work
for a number of weeks. The
Dr. recommends to her not to spend
another winter in Boston - & she
thinks she may go abroad. Mrs.
Child has been writing a letter in
the Liberator about her - & her
husb. - She is now at work on Mrs.
Chapman.

The scol. of Plato scalptus
wh. you sent I saw some time ago -
I think it can and, to nothing, leave
in the hands of genuine artists who
will have to work as heretofore for
the right expression. In other words
it will result only in hard mechanical
deads.

Mother & I stay at home & day - Mother
sends love to you & says she wants to
hear about the success of yr mother
& the poor prisoners of Irons north.

I think that what was covered
over was the moan of a complaining
spirit - because I have no rightful
complaint to make - Therefore let
it remain forever covered

The Laurens

have returned - They have sent me
2 photo's of Carver's tomb - I'm
of them when he had just died - They
were in Rome but 10 days - & Mrs.
I - set down to a heasty cry that
they were obliged to leave it so soon -
Mr. I - she says - looked as if he
thought her crazy -

P.M. Home for a few
minutes - Mr. Lambert & M. Post
have just gone - They gave me
the Shanty - & went in with me
consequently saw - Maryanne
promised it good - Mr. L. visited
but seems friendly to like the people -
Did you tell me you didn't want
anyone to see it but Mary?

Our - Our love -